

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

Office Action

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 and 7 stand rejected.

Claims 4-6 and 8 are noted to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 9-16 have been withdrawn in view of a restriction requirement.

All Remaining Claims are Now in Proper Form and Distinguishing Over the Cited Art.

Applicant's have now canceled withdrawn claims 9-16 from the present application, but do reserve the right to file a separate application to pursue the subject matter of these claims.

In order to move prosecution of the present application forward, applicants have amended claims 4, 5, 6 and 8 into independent form as suggested in the Office Action of October 19, 2005 (a Notice of Appeal was filed on January 10, 2006).

Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from noted to be allowable from claim 4. Similarly, claims 17-22, simply correspond to claims 2 and 3 and are set forth to depend from the remaining now distinguished independent claims.

It is submitted independent claims 4, 5, 6 and 8 are distinguished from the cited art, and therefore the dependent claims 2-3, and 17-22 are also distinguished.

Conclusion

For the reasons detailed above it is submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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